Statement

Details of show cause notices issued to M/s. Godfrey Phillips (India) Limited and others

Date of show cause notices	Name of respondent	Amount of Central Excise duty demanded (Rs. in crores)	Collectorate
22/26-5-87	(i) Godfrey Phillips India Limited, Bombay (ii) Godfrey Phillips India Limited, Delhi	31.77	Bombay I
8-6-87	(i) Hilton Tobacco Co., Hyderabad (ii) G.P.I. Ltd. Bombay (iii) G.P.I. Ltd., New Delhi	7.41	Hyderabad
8-6-87	(i) G.P.I. Ltd., Bombay (ii) International Tobacco Co. Ghaziabad	18.95	Meerut
		58.13	

Irregularities detected in the Carpet Export Promotion Council

*200. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gross irregularities in the functioning of the Carpet Export Promotion Council were detected during the internal audit for 1986-87 and 1987-88 conducted recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any inquiry has been made on the basis of the irregularities detected; if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Some objections have been raised in the Internal Audit Report of the Carpet Export Promotion Council for the years 1986-87 and 1987-88 which are of financial procedural and administrative nature such as irregular payments in respect of TA/DA, wasteful expenditure in office establishment and holding of a seminar at Varanasi, non-utilization/finalisation of grant-in-aid, improper maintenance of Stock Register, Cash Book and Bank-Reconciliation statement and wrong fixation of pay etc.

(c) The Government has asked the Council to expedite their reply to the objections raised in the Internal Audit Report. Further action would be considered on receipt of their reply.

Funds earmarked by UNFDAC for Drug-abuse in India

@1589. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds have been earmarked by UNFDAC to India for drug-abuse and if so, the details thereof showing the broad details of the project proposal; and

(b) whether the project is to be implemented throughout the country through voluntary agencies and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

@Previously Unstarred Question 515 transferred from the 15th November, 1988.

IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC) has committed financial assistance to the tune of US $ 20 million, to be spent over a period of five years from 1988, for drug abuse prevention as also control measures like strengthening of machinery for control over drug trafficking, strengthening of narcotics testing laboratories and commnuity-based treatment and social reintegration of drug addicts. To this effect, an agreement has been signed between the Government of India and the Fund authorities on 17-8-1988. Various allocations, as indicated below, have been tentatively agreed upon:

	US $ (in million)
1. Strengthening of control over transit traffic . . .	7·50
2. Modernisation and strengthening of forensic laboratories . . .	0·80
3. Strengthening of control over licit opium production . .	3·50
4. Drug dependence, prevention and treatment . .	5·35
5. Rehabilitation and social reintegration of drug addicts	2·50
6. Prevention of drug abuse through education and information . . .	0·35

The project would be implemented in stages, involving voluntary agencies also, wherever necessary.

Problems of Export Processing Zones

1590. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems of Export Processing Zones;

(b) whether some Export Processing Zones have pleaded before Government in extending tax holiday from the present five years to fifteen years; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Government duly examines any problem brought to its notice concerning the Export Processing Zones with a view to resolving it.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It has not been possible to accept the suggestion.

Instructions to District Collectors

1591. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre has been issuing instructions directly to the District Collectors;

(b) if so, on what matters;

(c) whether some of the State Governments have protested against this; and

(d) if so what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Question do not arise.